(*b*) the reasons for delaying this scheme ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education) [on behalf of Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) An estimate for the Somanahalli electrification was prepared at the cost of Rs. 95,700 during the year 1949.

(*b*) The scheme could not be taken up and worked out due to very poor returns and want of adequate funds required for the work.

Q.—461. Sri H. K. SHIVARUDRAPPA (Gundlupet-Heggaddevankote).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the villages in Gundlupet Taluk in respect of which steps have been taken to provide electricity during the year 1953-54 ;

(*b*) at what stage the question of providing electric lights to the villages of Hangala, Therakanambi and Kabbahalli of this taluk stands at present ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education) [on behalf of Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) Estimates have been prepared for electrification of following villages :—

(1) Hirekati,
(2) Madapatna,
(3) Somanahalli,
(4) Kabbahalli.

(*b*) (1) Hangala—Estimate under preparation after collection of load data.

(2) Therakanambi—Deferred by Government.

(3) Kabbahalli — Estimate kept pending for want of grants and adequate return.

Q.—465. Sri C. T. HANUMANTHAIYA (Pavagada—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of times the raiyats of Midigesi Hobli, Madhugiri Taluk, applied to the concerned officers for supply of electricity for irrigation wells ;

(b) when the estimate was prepared ;

(c) the reason for not executing the work ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education) [on behalf of Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) Once (during 1951).
(*b*) August 1951.
(*c*) (i) Prohibitive cost of the estimate,
(ii) Want of adequate grants under sanctioned budget,
(iii) Difficulties in securing materials,
(iv) Low voltage conditions prevailing at the time in the area.

Q.—578. Sri MUDDU RAMIAH (Koratagere-Madhugiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the people of Dogganahalli, Mallekavu and Bendonee (Kortagere Taluk) had submitted a petition, requesting to supply electricity for irrigation purposes ;

(*b*) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education) [on behalf of Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The area was surveyed and data collected for preparation of estimate, but the scheme was dropped as it was likely to work out prohibitively costly.